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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 165 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/48/826.

2. At its 59th and 60th meetings, on 31 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.59 and 60). The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the item (A/48/803) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, which was presented orally by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee (see A/C.5/48/L.59).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/48/L.60

3. At the 60th meeting, on 31 March 1994, the representative of Austria, on behalf of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/48/L.60).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.60, without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti 1/ and the oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 862 (1993) of 31 August 1993, in which the Council approved the dispatch of an advance team of not more than thirty personnel to assess requirements and prepare for the possible dispatch of both the civilian police and military assistance components of the United Nations Mission in Haiti and decided that the mandate of the advance team would expire within one month,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 867 (1993) of 23 September 1993, by which the Council authorized the establishment and immediate dispatch of the United Nations Mission in Haiti for a period of six months subject to the proviso that it would be extended beyond seventy-five days only upon a review by the Council to be based on a report from the Secretary-General indicating whether or not substantive progress had been made towards the implementation of the Governors Island Agreement and the political accords contained in the New York Pact,

Bearing in mind further Security Council resolution 905 (1994) of 23 March 1994, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti until 30 June 1994,

Recalling its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Mission in Haiti are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Mission in Haiti, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/48/803.

2/ See A/C.5/48/SR.59.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an advisory body to the General Assembly in the budget process;

2. Endorses the oral recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Mission in Haiti is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

4. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti promptly and in full;

5. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in General Assembly decision 48/477 an amount of 1,383,000 United States dollars gross (1,364,000 dollars net), authorized and apportioned by the Assembly in its decision 48/477, for the operation of the United Nations Mission in Haiti for the period from 23 September 1993 to 22 March 1994;

6. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Haiti, in accordance with the oral recommendation of the Advisory Committee, 2/ a total amount of 143,700 dollars gross (138,100 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission in Haiti for the period from 23 March to 30 June 1994;

7. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 143,700 dollars gross (138,100 dollars net), for the period from 23 March to 30 June 1994, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and decision 48/472 of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

8. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 5,600 dollars approved for the United Nations Mission in Haiti for the period from 23 March to 30 June 1994;

9. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Mission in Haiti at a rate not to exceed 44,200 dollars gross (42,500 dollars net) per month for a period of up to six months beyond 30 June 1994, should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 30 June 1994, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the performance report for the mandate period ending 30 June 1994 and the budget estimates corresponding to any new mandate period the Security Council may decide, no later than 31 August 1994;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti".